

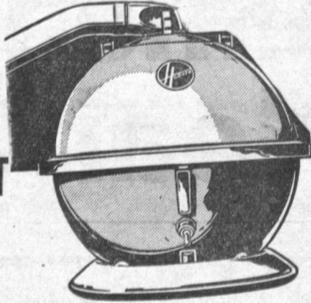
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Mother of Five Sentenced for Benefit Cheating

A man and woman were sentenced to fines and jail sentences Tuesday when they pleaded guilty to cheating on unemployment benefits.

The woman, Mrs. Connie Lucero, 35, of 4514 W. 159th St., Lawndale, mother of five, was sentenced to a \$50 fine or five days in jail. An aircraft assembler, she was charged with receiving \$120 in unauthorized benefits.

Judge Donald Armstrong ordered Robert Lynne Benke, 32, of 15762 Halldale Ave., Gardena, jailed for 30 days, fined him \$50, and suspended another 150 days. A laborer, he is charged with receiving \$81 in fraudulent claims.

Seek Swap on Fee for Park

Offer to swap a seven-acre percolation basin, and his interest in the 11-acre Bishop Montgomery sump, for the required subdivider's fee was made this week by Don Wilson.

The developer of a tract in the west end of the city, said that the required fees for park and recreation purposes amount to \$38,595, for the 77.9 acres he is subdividing.

The city requires subdividers to pay \$500 per acre for parks and recreation.

Float Purchase Urged

Request that the city purchase a float chassis for \$500 to be used in the Tournament of Roses Parade, was made Tuesday by Fred W. Mill, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

He said that it costs between \$500 to \$1000 per year to rent the chassis now and this is a bargain offer.

Council Probes Brawl

A recent gang fight which prompted a petition from 31 residents near Calamar and Martha Sts. was labeled an "outrage" by Councilman Willys Blount Tuesday.

He quizzed Hank Porter, assistant police chief, on whether sufficient manpower had been available to quell the disturbance caused by out-of-town party crashers.

Porter said that three cars answered the call and did not require reinforcements. He also explained that no arrests were made because the participants were juveniles, and only three of them were cited for action by juvenile authorities.

"It's not nice to have a gang fight where autos are used as dangerous weapons and knives used. If we do not have enough capable policemen, I'd like to know about it," Blount said.

"In most cases kids get a slap on the wrist," Mayor Albert Isen commented.

"At least give them a slap on the wrist, don't let them go at the scene," countered Blount.

The Council finally decided to "file" the communication without action, after Blount advised that the police department not make light of situations like these.

Tax Study Dropped By City

Councilman Nickolas O. Dralle's suggestion to study a municipal tax assessor's office was described as a "crackpot idea," and apparently landed in the official waste basket Tuesday night.

"I object to these crackpot ideas being sprung on the City Council by one white knight on a horse. I resent the implication that all the others want to spend money," charged Councilman J. A. Beasley.

Dralle's suggestion was apparently dropped after City manager George Stevens made a preliminary report on municipal assessors operations in Long Beach and Pasadena.

Dralle answered that he did not take any offense to the remarks, "but I feel it is my duty to do what's correct. I like to be treated like a gentleman, and I treat others like gentlemen."

He said that even if the municipal tax office costs more money, at least resident will be given an opportunity for a hearing.

G.P. Offers to Pay for Signal

General Petroleum Corp. has offered to pay for the installation of a traffic signal in front of its main entrance on 190th St., after it was advised the city has no funds available.

A. E. Thompson, manager of the refinery, said his firm will pay the \$3000 cost of installing a pole-type signal, but that the city must pay for its maintenance.

Seek Airport Bids

Permission to advertise paving of taxi ways and access roads at Torrance Municipal Airport, for bid, was granted by the City Council Wednesday.

It also approved using a larger building for the administrative office, after Mayor Albert Isen termed the present cramped quarters as a "public disgrace."

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